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many attractions in the way of comfort and ease that endear it at once to the fortunate possessor. It is the most complete and easily-operated reclining rocking-chair in the market. It has all the good qualities of other chairs in this line, and in addition has six important features possessed by no other, to wit: The back or seat recline with the full weight thereon; the back will assume an upright position automatically. It is impossible to pinch the finger between the base and seat. Another good feature not found in other rockers is that the foot-rest may be detached, and converted into a handsome ottoman. The low swing foot-rest is another desirable feature, as is the adjustable friction head-rest, which can be instantly adjusted to any position. Space will not permit our enumerating all the beauties and conveniences of this rocker, and we do not ask you *in verba magistri jurira*, but to see, and judge for yourself.

AN ICE cream freezer that will do the work in thirty seconds, do it thoroughly and well, and that can be obtained at a reasonable price, will be appreciated by every housekeeper, especially during the "hot spell," when desserts are a difficult problem. Such is the Polar Star Instantaneous Ice Cream Freezer, shown by R. H. Price & Co., of New York. Its good points are many: it does away with the back-breaking work of the old style freezer, can be filled in two minutes, and is ready for immediate work. It will freeze anything in liquid form, will make the smoothest kind of ice cream from milk alone—and cream makes it richer only, not smoother. You have but to pour in your liquid at one end and a few turns of the crank produce the cream ready for serving. This little article has attracted much attention, and is unquestionably the best of its kind we have yet seen.

THE Empire Self-Lighting Oil Lamp is a very convenient and elegant banquet lamp. Its chief claim lies in the absence of fire to ignite it, as a small, dry electric battery hidden in the base of the lamp does this in a most convenient and perfect manner. It will light the lamp once or twice a day during six to nine months, when the battery may be renewed at a slight expense, and is so simple in its construction that a child may handle it with safety.

IT IS the simple little things—so simple, indeed, that it makes us wonder we had not thought of them ourselves—that save time and labor, and appeal to us at once from the very fact of their simplicity. Such is the Cairo Queen curtain ring, with the simple pin-hook attachment. We are well acquainted with the popular safety-pin attachment for fastening our drapery to the ring; this was an excellent thing in its way, as it saved time and trouble in sewing. The Queen, however, is a marked improvement on this, and consists of a short piece of wire bent into two sharp-pointed hooks, attached in the centre to the curtain ring; this not only allows greater ease in attaching your drapery in convenient box pleats, but permits artistic draping and arranging of the goods by simply attaching to the hooks, a thing impossible by the old method. We trust this convenient little article will be as widely known and used as its predecessors.

THE Pyrogravure Wood Co.'s exhibit is worthy of note, as this little booth is showing much that is of artistic interest. Pyrography, or poker work—under which title it is better known—is very popular with the amateur at the present time, and the examples shown by this company are exceedingly artistic and workmanlike in treatment. They also show carved and pressed mouldings in excellent designs, and several ex-

amples of intaglio wood carving, an art, if well done, as these examples are, that is exceedingly beautiful and interesting.

AMONG other objects of interest may be found the Micrometer Scale, manufactured in Troy, N. Y., which not only gives fine and accurate weight, but computes the prices in dollars and fractions thereof as well, by a mechanical process which is noteworthy for its absolute accuracy.

The Remlik is a handy little household implement for oiling or shellacking floors. This consists of an automatic, self-feeding reservoir, with a felt or brush mouth-piece, and is used the same—and with as much ease—as a mop. It has many other uses that recommend it highly as a useful and labor-saving utensil.

BUSINESS men will recognize the benefits derived from the use of the new Indelible Check Perforator. This perforates and inks the holes through the fibre of the paper with an indelible, acid-proof ink, thus preventing any possibility of raising the figure, and will be found of great value for the absolute protection of checks, drafts and money orders, or any other negotiable paper.

Martin & Baker, of Brooklyn, L. I., show an improvement in the way of an adjustable pin, hardwood lace curtain stretcher. This has many advantages over the old methods, principally from the fact that the pins are adjustable, thus enabling one to secure the scallops properly without stretching them out of shape. It has other good points as well, which lack of space prevents our enumerating, but it is without doubt the simplest and neatest stretcher for the purpose that has been placed before the public.

IT IS much to be regretted that more time and space cannot be given to a more general review of the many features of interest to be found here, as well as a more detailed description. Should any of the features find special favor with our readers, if they will write us regarding the same, we will gladly give them all the information in our power.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE W. SMITH, whose name is so widely known to furniture manufacturers and buyers, died on the 13th inst., after an illness of less than one week, at his residence, 3615 Hamilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa. His death was the result of heart disease. George W. Smith was born in Williamstown, Vt., April 4, 1840. After educating himself in the schools and academies of New England, he took a position as bookkeeper in a manufacturing firm, from which he entered the army on the breaking out of the Civil War. After serving in the Regular Army for seven years, during which time he obtained the rank of Major, he resigned December 31, 1869, and spent the next two or three years in Texas. (This was during the reconstruction period.) He came to Philadelphia in 1872 and entered the employ of James W. Cooper as salesman, remaining with Mr. Cooper four years. He resigned his position and established the firm of George W. Smith & Co., January 1, 1877, to which business he had given his entire attention up until ten days before his death. He added a retail store to his manufacturing business in 1882. This was discontinued after an existence of five years. The business which he has so well founded will be continued under the same style and name by Mr. Arthur D. Smith, his son and former partner.